

"Although the day was stormy the church was well-filled, indicating a good degree of zeal among the members of the society. The sermon by Rev. Mr. Gardiner from the text—'*Go, set a watchman;* *let him declare what he seeth,*'" was appropriate and impressive. He spoke of the christian minister as a watchman upon the towers of Zion, and pointed out his duties in a plain, practical and forcible manner. He should be ever vigilant to prevent passing in the community, especially of whatever is connected with the event upon society from his exalted station but also make himself acquainted with the every day affairs of life, and know how men live and earn their daily bread. He should understand something of law and politics as well as morals and religion and thus gain a knowledge of society as it really exists, and lay his plans accordingly. He should declare what he has seen and learned, and be little influenced by that visionary spirit

which leads to the contemplation of imaginary and far distant *evie*, rather than those which are real and near to every one. In fine the christian minister should be a *practical* rather than a *theoretical* man.

The speaker here presented in a vivid light the evil and uttering, which have arisen by proclaiming from the sacred desk *faction* instead of *truth*. The dreams of the imagination instead of the teachings of reason and revelation.

In an earnest and eloquent manner he adduced arguments to prove that sin and misery are inseparable companions, and therefore that a virtuous course of conduct is indispensably necessary to the enjoyment of pure and permanent happiness on earth.

The singing on the occasion was of a superior order. Several individuals of other choirs kindly volunteered their aid for which we are exceedingly thankful and we are con-

ident that all would unite with us in this recognition.

We think the services generally were highly acceptable as present, even to those of other denominations, of whom we noticed a considerable number, and it gave us great pleasure to mention this fact, as showing that a spirit of liberality and good feeling is being more generally diffused throughout our city.

In fact we can conceive of nothing connected with the exercises which could be strongly objected to by any one, how much soever he might differ in opinion from the speakers as to the peculiar doctrine of Universalists.

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MAINE LEGISLATURE.

Augusta, January 1, 1845.

SENATE.—The members elect of the Senate in convention were qualified, and then proceeded to

by the choice of Slaffy B. Townsend, President James O. L. Foster, Secretary, Rev. John H. Ingraham, Wm. L. and Benjamin F. Cutler, Messengers.

"An order passed that the Senate hold one session a day."

"In consequence of the members electing the House, the oath of Office was administered by the Governor. Samuel Belcher was elected Clerk and presided during the remainder of the organization.

The vote for Speaker resulted as follows:

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| Moses McDonald, | 35 |
| William Paice, | 30 |
| Scattering, | 2 |

Moses McDonald was declared duly elected Speaker, and on taking the chair, addressed the House in a few brief remarks.

Philip Phillips was chosen Messenger, and Nathaniel Patterson assistant Clerk.

An order passed directing the Clerk to invite the regularly officiating Clergymen of Augusta and Hallowell to officiate as Chaplains of the House in rotation.

A Committee was appointed to count the

ernatorial votes, and the House adjourned.

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec 30, 1844.

The Senate met at the usual hour to-day.

Mr. Seward announced the death of Mr. Fulton, late Secretary of the United States from the State of Arkansas, and offered the customary resolutions declaratory of respect for the deceased.

The resolutions were adopted, and the Senate thereupon adjourned.

In the House, Mr C. J. Ingersoll submitted a resolution, requiring the Clerk to furnish, as soon as possible, maps of the United States territory inhabiting the general limits of our territory contiguous to Texas, Mexico, the Russian and British possessions. The motion was lost.

The Joint Resolution providing for the payment of Revolutionary Pensioners was taken up, and after a short and unproductive debate, read a third time, and passed.

The bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to compromise with the sureties of

Samuel Swartwout, was read twice, and set down for consideration for Monday.

Mr. Ingersoll's motion in relation to the Maps of the United States was then adopted.

A message was received from the Senate announcing the death of Mr. Fulton.

After a very handsome eulogy on the deceased Senator by Mr. Cross, the resolutions customary on such occasions were offered by that gentleman, and immediately after their adoption, the House adjourned.

